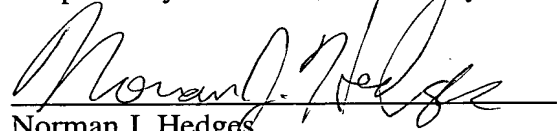


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Applicants believe this application is in condition for allowance in its present form and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner so find and issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

If necessary, Applicants request that this Response be considered a request for an extension of time for a time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this Response be charged to the account of Bose McKinney & Evans, Deposit Account Number 02-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman J. Hedges", is written over a horizontal line. A checkmark is visible to the right of the signature.

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Attachment A

9. (Three Times Amended) [A medical device support apparatus comprising
a telescoping pole assembly including a first member and a second member
movable relative to the first member along an axis in a first direction and a second direction
opposite to the first direction, and

a lock member formed to include an edge defining an aperture, the second member being received in the aperture, the lock member having a second position in which the edge engages the second member to prevent movement of the second member relative to the first member in the first direction, movement in the first direction causing the pole assembly to shorten,] The medical device support of claim 1, wherein the lock member, when in the second position [the lock member being configured to allow], allows movement of the second member relative to the first member in the second direction[, the lock member having a first position in which the edge disengages from the second member so that the second member is movable along the axis relative to the first member in the first direction and the second direction, the movement in the second direction causing the pole assembly to elongate].

39. (Amended) The medical device support of claim 9, wherein the lock member is pivotably coupled to [the] a housing.

42. (Amended) The medical device support of claim 9, wherein [the] a release is positioned to slide on [the] a housing during movement of the lock member between the first and second positions.